

The horsemen of Plathens, Saxon
 & Frutigen arrived in closed
 formation. Gratian realized that a
 military solution was impossible.
 Thus, the Western emperor - after consultation
 with Theodosius - settled the Goths
 and their allies as federates in PANNONIA II
 and probably also in SAVIA and Valeria

while the Greutungi were moving upstream along the Danube, Frutiger gathered his band and set out toward Macedonia, where in the spring of 380 the Goths almost captured THEODOSIUS. It was pure luck that the emperor escaped Frutiger's troops who were always well informed through their fellow tribesmen serving in the Roman Army. Gratian answered Theodosius's call for help and sent out

a powerful force under BAUTO and
ARBOGAST. The two generals added the
remainder of the Theodosian army to
their own troops & drove the attackers back
to lower MOESIA from where they had set out.

380

The policies instituted by Constantine finally resulted in the merger of the Church and the state. This occurred in 380 when the emperor THEODOSIUS I proclaimed Catholicism the official state religion.

ATHANARIC's people, possibly his relatives drove the former Gothic judge out of CAUCASIA in 380. An intrigue engineered by FRITHIGER, fell on fertile ground among the Goths probably led to Athanasius's fall

C380

(C 311 - C 381)

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ULFILAS

The apostle and bishop of the GOTHAS
labored among the Goths for over 30 yrs
Preached and wrote in Greek,
Latin and Gothic.

His translation of the Bible into
Gothic is the beginning of all
German literature. He omitted the
books of Samuel and Kings, for
he considered that they were too

reived a picture of war to present
to his fierce countrymen.

Under Theodosius I in 380,
Roman Christianity became the
state religion.

Theodosius received the head of the
"Scythian royal clan" with great honor.
The former Gothic judge, ATHANARIC,
came to the emperor in Constantinople
as a refugee.

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Greutungi - Ostrogoths

Gratian settles Greutungi, Alans, and
Huns in Pannonia as federates

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The Roman Greutungi were
settled in Pannonia as federates
of the emperor Gratian

Emperor Theodosius issued an
edict suppressing Arianism

By degrees, the church came to contain its educated classes and men trained in the philosophical schools. These scholars brought with them into the church their philosophical thought; and the simple teachings of Christ were expanded and modified by them into an elaborate system of theology.

Thus, as Christianity borrowed the administrative organization of its government from Rome, so it drew the refinement of its doctrine from Greece. Before this Semitic faith could become by the

subtlety of the Greek intellect, ~~so~~ "its dogmas had
to be defended and its political organization had to be
wrought into form by underlying genius of Roman
rule."

380 + CENTURIES PERSECUTION BY THE CHURCH

Now, the church began itself to use violence to stamp out other religions. The emperor GRATIAN permitted ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS to prevent the worship of heretical Christian sects; and the great Theodosius forbade all pagan worship. Paganism survived for a century more in out-of-way places, but Christianity had now become the sole legal religion.

In centuries to come this persecution by the church dwarfed into insignificance even the terrible persecutions it had suffered. Each persecuting sect of the Christian

church has justified its action on the ground that belief in its particular faith was necessary to salvation. Therefore it seemed right and merciful to deliver the bodies of the heretics in order to save their souls and to protect the souls of others.

Nov. 24, 380

ATHANARIC must have fallen victim to a plot by Eutigen quite some time before Theodosius (who had recovered from a serious illness) entered Constantinople in triumph. The former judge Athanasius was driven from CAUCASAND "by the conspiracy of his relatives and closest friends".

When Athanasius arrived in Constantinople the arrangements unfolded splendidly. He did manage to upset Eutigen's plans with his flight. Theodosius used the arrival

of his enemy & his death in the capital
soon after for an impressive demonstration
of Rome's strength and willingness for
peace.